

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): In a receiver for receiving digital broadcasts of a plurality of ensembles ~~and one ensemble~~ including a plurality of services, a digital broadcast receiving apparatus which performs at least one of a search operation and a preset operation for a receivable service, comprising:

an error rate detecting part for detecting an error rate ~~of~~ at its reception of each of said services; and

an error rate comparing part for comparing a ~~value~~ the detected by said error rate ~~detecting part~~ with a predetermined reference value;

wherein at least one of said search operation and said preset operation is performed, based on a ~~compared~~ the comparison result by said error rate comparing part, for ~~said~~ services belonging to ~~said ensembles~~ an ensemble containing a service with a low error rate which satisfies said predetermined reference value.

2. (currently amended): In a receiver for receiving digital broadcasts of a plurality of ensembles ~~and one ensemble~~ each including a plurality of services, a digital broadcast receiving apparatus which performs at least one of a search operation and a preset operation for a receivable service, comprising:

an error rate detecting part for detecting an error rate ~~of~~ at its reception of each of said services; and

an error rate comparing part for comparing ~~values detected by said error rate detecting part~~ the detected error rates for services ~~contained in each ensemble~~ with each other;

wherein at least one of said search operation and said preset operation is performed, based on ~~a compared~~ the comparison result by said error rate comparing part, while a higher priority for the operation being assigned to one or more services belonging to an ensemble containing a service with a lower error rate, than one or more services belonging to an ensemble containing a service with a higher error rate.

3. (currently amended): A digital broadcast receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said error rate detecting part detects an error rate of at least one of said services contained in ~~said ensembles containing a receivable service~~ each ensemble.

4. (currently amended): A digital broadcast receiving apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said error rate detecting part detects an error rate of at least one of said services contained in ~~said ensembles containing a receivable service~~ each ensemble.

5. (currently amended): In a receiver for receiving digital broadcasts of a plurality of ensembles ~~and one ensemble~~ each including a plurality of services, a digital broadcast receiving apparatus which performs at least one of a search operation and a preset operation for a receivable service, comprising:

a reception level detecting part for detecting a reception level ~~of~~ at its reception of each of said services; and

a reception level comparing part for comparing ~~a value~~ the detected ~~by said~~ reception level ~~detecting part~~ with a predetermined reference value;

wherein at least one of said search operation and said preset operation is performed, based on ~~a compared~~ the comparison result by said reception level comparing part, for said services belonging to said ensembles containing a service with a high reception level which ~~satisfies~~ exceeds said predetermined reference value.

6. (currently amended): In a receiver for receiving digital broadcasts of a plurality of ensembles ~~and one ensemble~~ each including a plurality of services, a digital broadcast receiving apparatus which performs at least one of a search operation and a preset operation for a receivable service, comprising:

a reception level detecting part for detecting a reception level ~~of~~ at its reception of each of said services; and

a reception level comparing part for comparing ~~values~~ the detected ~~by said~~ reception level ~~levels~~ detecting part for services ~~contained in each ensemble~~ with each other;

wherein at least one of said search operation and said preset operation is performed, based on ~~a compared~~ the comparison result by said reception level comparing part, while a higher priority for the operation being assigned to one or more services belonging to an ensemble

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containing a service with a higher reception level, than one or more services belonging to an ensemble containing a service with a lower reception level.

7. (currently amended): A digital broadcast receiving apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said reception level detecting part detects a reception level of at least one of said services contained in each of said ensembles ~~containing a receivable service~~.

8. (currently amended): A digital broadcast receiving apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said reception level detecting part detects a reception level of at least one of said services contained in each of said ensembles ~~containing a receivable service~~.